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SIGNAL INPUT AND OUTPUT APPARATUS THAT

DISCRIMINATES BETWEEN PLURALITY OF DIFFERENT DEVICES EACH ISSUING UNIQUE CONTROL SIGNALS SUBSTANTIALLY SIMULTANEOUSLY THROUGH SINGLE

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## PETITION REQUESTING CONSIDERATION OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R.

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Sir:

This is a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)

requesting consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement

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filed herewith after receipt of the Notice of Allowance, mailed May 4, 2004.

This Information Disclosure Statement lists prior art that has come to the attention of applicants by being cited in a Search Report issued in the corresponding Chinese application on April 25, 2003, a copy of which is enclosed.

As is apparent from said Search Report, applicants' undersigned attorney hereby certifies pursuant to 37 C.F.R.

1.97(e) that each item of information contained in this

Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication

from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application

not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

This petition is accompanied by the petition fee of \$130.00 set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i).

In view of the above, applicants request that this petition be granted and that the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement be considered.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

Respectfully submitted,

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